

Serial No. 10/606,303

Amendment dated January 5, 2006

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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The present amendment is being filed under a Certificate of Mailing as indicated.

The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 3, 6, and 18 if rewritten in independent form. Claims 3, 6, and 18 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Claims 3, 6, and 18 have been rewritten in independent form as suggested by the Examiner. The objection to claims 3, 6 and 18 is now believed to be overcome and the allowance of claims 3, 6 and 18 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-17 and 19 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication NO. 2004/0147933 to McGovern. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-17 and 19 have been cancelled. The rejection to claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-17 and 19 under 35 USC §102(e) is now believed to be moot.

Claim 20 was rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Published Patent Application US 2003/0147933 to Littenberg in view of U.S. Patent Application US 2003/0171816 to Scifer et al. Claim 20 has been cancelled. The rejection to claim 20 under 35 USC §102(e) is now believed to be moot.

For the above-described reasons it is respectfully submitted that the objections to the claims that have not been cancelled, namely claims 3, 6 and 18 have been overcome and that claims 3, 6 and 18 are currently in condition for allowance. Early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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